

## BECKER TO BE INDICTED ON EXTORTION CHARGE

Evidence Said to Be Ready to  
Present to Grand Jury  
This Week.

### ROSE FEARS ASSASSINS

Denies Alleged Interview—  
Tells Attorney New Story of  
Relations With Becker.

Three or more indictments against Lieut. Becker for extortion are expected this week. While the police are hunting in the Catskills for two of the men who, Jack Rose says, were hired at Becker's orders to kill Herman Rosenthal, the District Attorney's office is at work preparing extortion evidence for the Grand Jury.

District Attorney Whitman was in Albany last night on his way back to New York, but while he has been out of the city his assistants have been digging up information as to Becker's activities in collecting money from gamblers and other sources of graft.

Primarily, the Grand Jury, which is considering Lieut. Becker's case, has to do with the charges that Becker was the collector of protection money for a small ring of police officials.

For several days Assistant District Attorney Frank Moss has given his whole time to examining witnesses with information along this line. The witnesses have included gamblers who say that they paid money to Jack Rose for Becker.

**Expect Indictments This Week.**  
There is a strong belief that the evidence will be in such shape before the Grand Jury adjourns for this week that three or four indictments will be returned. The Burns detectives have been hard at work on this phase of the Rosenthal case. It is said that the Burns men believe that three men were aware of Becker's relations with the gamblers and that the Burns men are holding to two police officials and to a man not in the Police Department.

Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty at his home in Sheephead Bay last night had his ear to a telephone waiting for news from the Catskills that Louis Rosenszweig (Lefty Louie) and Harry Horowitz (Gyp the Blood) had been captured. From Inspector Hughes, in charge of the Central Office men in the mountains, word came to Dougherty that the hunt was still active.

The news from Tannersville, Greene county, around which the New York detectives and deputy sheriffs have been operating, was that the two men accused of the murder of Herman Rosenthal had slipped through the police lines and that the hunt was over so far as the Catskills were concerned.

### A Rose of Dougherty's.

One of the Central Office men, who appeared under the circumstances to be extraordinarily loquacious, said the detectives were withdrawing from the mountains and returning to New York because they had information that Lefty Louie and Gyp the Blood would surrender to-day at Police Headquarters.

Mr. Dougherty flatly denied the story. He said he was in charge of the hunt and that he had every reason to believe Rosenszweig and Horowitz were hiding in one of the little villages west of the town of Catskill. He had given no orders, he said, for a discontinuance of the chase. On the contrary, he was continuing by telephone the direction of the Catskill squad. It was untrue also, said the Deputy Commissioner, that the police had received word that the two would surrender to-day.

"Maybe somebody is interested in circulating that story," he added.

### Still in the Mountains.

"I am working now on the same theory that I started on," said Dougherty. "The men we want were in the Catskills recently and I believe they are now. We think we have them picked in a comparatively small district. Rosenszweig and Horowitz are running out of money and they can't conceal themselves very much longer."

"If any of my men had withdrawn from Tannersville (no such information has come to me) they did it because their faces were getting too familiar to the natives. Probably they had been accurately described to Rosenszweig and Horowitz. Let us suppose that it was desirable to station around Tannersville new men who have not become known to the natives. Inspector Hughes may have taken this step. If he did it was probably a wise move."

The report from Tannersville was that ten Central Office men had quit that town, leaving two on guard. The ten that departed took a train that was going to Kingston. But even Tannersville had a notion that perhaps the withdrawal of the main force was for the purpose of fooling the fugitives into the belief that the hunt was over.

### Burns Busy in Boston.

From Boston to THE SUN came a suggestion that within forty-eight hours corroboration would be obtained there of the confessions made by Jack Rose and Bridget Webber that Lieut. Becker ordered the killing of Rosenthal. The investigation in Boston is in charge of the W. J. Burns Detective Agency, working under the orders of District Attorney Whitman.

Supt. Smith of the Burns agency has found, according to the report from Boston, several men who have knowledge of the preparations for the murder of Rosenthal and of the killing. The Burns chief admitted that he expected important news shortly, but he would not say what men he expected to arrest. Big Jack Zelig was in Dorchester, a Boston suburb, recently, and others of the gang believed to have been implicated in the murder have been seen at Revere Beach.

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of the Court of General Sessions to say whether he desires to change his plea of not guilty, and Jack Rose will be brought from the West Side court prison to Coroner Feinberg's court for an adjourned hearing. Mr. Whitman will be busy with the new trial of the case, which will be held at the Criminal Court Building. He asked Lawyer Sullivan to appear for him before the Coroner and to agree to another adjournment of the hearing.

**Rose Still Feels Assassination.**  
Rose is afraid to leave his prison. He told his lawyer yesterday that he was afraid he would be shot going to or from the Criminal Court Building. He asked Lawyer Sullivan to appear for him before the Coroner and to agree to another adjournment of the hearing.

"Rose is as badly scared," said Mr. Sullivan, "as he was the night he confessed. His nerves have gone all to pieces. He begged me to get District Attorney Whitman's consent to a postponement of the case."

"I know better than you do the danger I'm in," Rose said to me. "Jack Zelig was shot in front of the Criminal Court Building, wasn't he? Well, if I go down there this morning they will get me."

Mr. Sullivan said that Rose was angry about a story which appeared yesterday and which gave a description of his dealings with Lieut. Becker. Rose had written a letter to Mr. Sullivan and he handed it to the lawyer when Mr. Sullivan visited him last evening at the West Side Court prison. The letter read:

Dear Mr. Sullivan: My attention was called to an article in a morning newspaper, published yesterday, which gave an exclusive and detailed account and statement of certain circumstances surrounding my connection with the Rosenthal case. I am very sorry that I have been misrepresented in this manner. I have seen no newspaper men and have been interviewed by no one other than the District Attorney and myself. And I repudiate as not coming from me this so-called interview. Therefore any statement given to any newspaper with the exception of my own and that of the District Attorney is given without my authority and was not true. Very truly yours,

**Rose Not Proud of Life Part.**  
"Rose told me," said Mr. Sullivan, "that he has been offered as much as \$700 for a single story, and that several newspapers have asked him to give interviews, but that he has in every case declined to talk. He said to me this evening:

"The part I've played in the whole affair hasn't been such as to make me in any way proud of myself. I know that I must be held in execration by the public. To take an attitude of selling confessions and preaching about the iniquity of gambling would make the public despise me still more. Any little sympathy I can get I don't want. I don't think I am a penitent. I don't think I would be convincing to scream about it just now."

With the consent of his client, Mr. Sullivan repeated some of the things that Rose told him yesterday afternoon as to instructions and suggestions that Lieut. Becker gave to Rose. In the first place, Rose told Mr. Sullivan that Becker is a liar if he says that Rose wanted Herman Rosenthal murdered.

"He had nothing against Rosenthal," said Rose, "except a dislike for a squalor. He had said something about me, but I wouldn't have punched his face even. Anybody that knows me knows that I don't cherish grudges and that I have never stood for murder. Not once but twenty times in six weeks Becker demanded that I have Rosenthal killed. The job was attempted several times, but because I lacked the nerve to do it, nothing came of it. Every time I wasn't accomplished, and every time I reported a failure to Becker he cursed me and threatened to have me sent to Sing Sing."

"I tell you Becker will confess himself. He's a bright fellow and he knows how bad his case is. At the bottom of his heart he is a coward. On the surface he was doing a brave thing, but in his heart he was a coward. He had a contempt for his police associates."

"They've all got to stand around for me," he said to me more than once."

### Becker Ordered Surrender.

Mr. Sullivan asked Rose about details of his relations with Becker after the murder of Rosenthal. Rose talked, his lawyer said, with apparent frankness.

"Becker called me up at Harry Pollok's house on the Wednesday night after the murder," said Rose. "He ordered me to go down to Police Headquarters and give myself up. He told me that I wouldn't be detained at Headquarters, that I would merely make a few questions about the hiring of the Libby-Shapiro automobile and that then I would be turned loose. He didn't say anything to me about getting a lawyer."

"On the way down I got to thinking things over and I decided that I had better get a lawyer for myself. I thought of you. After I had been told in Commissioner Waldo's office at Headquarters that the commissioner wasn't in I went out and telephoned to you. After we had talked I went back to Headquarters again and gave myself up."

### Expected Plenty of Money.

Mr. Sullivan explained here that when Rose called up to retain him Rose said: "You needn't worry about where your retaining fee is coming from. I've got plenty of money back of me. A man has been sent out already to collect money for my defence."

to take part in the case, although no definite arrangement had been made. "When I returned to New York matters had taken on another complexion entirely. It was evident that Rose had been deserted by Becker and that there would be little money for his defence. Convinced that Rose was telling the truth about Becker having ordered the murder, I decided to tell the District Attorney the facts in the case. I did not want to tell him in the presence of the police. On the Thursday afternoon after Rose gave himself up I was in Mr. Whitman's office with Deputy Commissioner Dougherty and Inspector Hughes. The three officials urged me to persuade Rose to confess. I would make no promises. Leaving the District Attorney's office, Inspector Hughes suggested that if Rose confessed it would be only right for him to make the confession to the police."

"I left Hughes, turned around and went back to District Attorney Whitman's office, entering through a private door. He was alone with the newest private secretary, and the result was the confession implicating Becker."

Rose told Lawyer Sullivan yesterday that Lieut. Becker instructed him to ask Assemblyman Levy to represent Libby and Shapiro. Mr. Levy, however, insists that Lieut. Becker had nothing to do with his being retained for the drivers of the gray car.

**Becker's Signal Code.**  
Rose talked also about the signals used by callers at Harry Pollok's house. He said it was true that private signals were used by people who called there to see him, and that the code had been arranged by Becker.

Sam Schepps, Rose told his lawyer, was present when the affidavit denying Rosenthal's accusation against Becker was secured. Schepps, said Rose, suggested that it would be a good thing for Rose to sign the affidavit.

"Rose told me," said Mr. Sullivan, "that he has been receiving many threatening letters and post cards. Yesterday a picture postcard, postmarked Ossining, rather interested him. It bore the picture of a row of cells in Sing Sing. On the back of the card was written:

"Jack: If you come into one of these it doesn't mean the electric chair, but it means death just the same."

Bridget Webber, who appears to take imprisonment more lightly than Rose, had something to say yesterday about the threat of George Considine, of the Hotel Metropole, to sue him for slander. The good name of that sporting resort.

"They've got to show me the receipts before and after the murder before I believe I've hurt the hotel any," said Webber. "They tell me Considine has had to increase his force of waiters."

### Expect Crowd to See Becker.

The appearance of Lieut. Becker in the Court of General Sessions to-day is expected to attract a big crowd. There was speculation as to whether any other lawyer than John W. Hart had been retained to defend Becker. It is understood that the plea of not guilty will be maintained and that Mr. Hart will insist on an early trial. The District Attorney, it is known, does not intend to proceed hurriedly in Becker's case.

The arraignment of Lieut. Becker, the only Rosenthal case prisoner who has yet been indicted, and the resumption of the hearings in the case of Jack Rose are the only court proceedings set for to-day. There will be hearings to-morrow in the cases of Harry Vallon, Jack Sullivan, William Shapiro and Louis Libby.

So far nine men are under arrest charged with murder. They are Lieut. Becker, Whitey Lewis, Frank Cirofici (Dago Frank), Jack Rose, Bridget Webber, Harry Vallon, Jack Sullivan, William Shapiro and Louis Libby. Sam Paul, arrested for complicity in the murder and held as a material witness, is out on bail.

### ZELIG AND LOUIE IN BOSTON.

**Both Said to Have Been Picking Pockets at the Beaches.**

Boston, Aug. 4.—After a day of conferences with representatives of the Wood-Morgan detective agency, including Howard Morgan, and a number of men who are not detectives, Aaron J. Levy, counsel for Shapiro and Libby in the Rosenthal murder case, left Boston to-day for New York, accompanied by his brother, Joseph, and two of the Wood-Morgan agency.

Mr. Levy went direct to the home of James Dorra, a friend, at 860 Main street, Worcester, and there spent the night. Over the telephone he informed THE SUN correspondent that his trip to Boston had been highly successful, even though no arrests had been made, and that he would meet Mr. Whitman in New York to-morrow with some highly important information. He attempted to-day to get into telephone communication with Mr. Whitman at Manchester, Vt., but was unsuccessful. He learned that Mr. Whitman had left for Albany.

Meantime detectives from the Wood-Morgan and Burns agencies are searching at Revere Beach and Nantasket Beach for the two men who are expected to-day a squad of private detectives had a hotel in the Green Hill section of Nantasket surrounded, for they were sure their quarry was within. There was no sign of them throughout the day and the impression is that the hunted men got wise and slipped through the cordon in some manner.

Though there is some question in New York as to whether Lefty Louie and Zelig had been ever taken into custody, there is absolutely no question here. Big Jack has been seen on the streets different times during the last few weeks and it is said he has even rode the cars playing his old calling with a local mob of pickpockets. Lefty Louie has been seen by pickpockets, who make no pretence of keeping the facts from those who are in the good graces of such persons.

It has been positively said that both men were in Boston up to Wednesday night last, and on that day it is said they went to Revere Beach, where there are good pickings for light fingered men.

## BECKER, A PHILOSOPHER, MAKES LIGHT OF PLIGHT

"This Is One of the Things That  
Come to a Man," He Tells  
"Sun" Reporter.

### EYES ONLY SHOW STRAIN

The Accused Lieutenant Omits  
Tombs Sunday Service,  
but Walks Much.

Lieut. Becker received a SUN reporter in the Tombs yesterday and talked about newspapers and his friends.

He was more free with his words than he has been heretofore, and expressed full confidence that he'll come out all right in the end. "This is one of the things that come to a man," was his philosophical way of minimizing his predicament.

The SUN reporter had sent a bit of paper up to Becker by a turnkey on which was written: "I'm sent to find out how you've spent the last twenty-four hours. Can THE SUN see you a moment on that, without other questions?" Jack Sullivan had already sent down his answer: "See my lawyer."

A trusty in white came out of the elevator at last and presented a note that read: "Yes—Becker."

Keeper Cummings pointed out a stairway. One flight up is the first tier, with its keeper behind his desk. A few feet further the hall ends with white bars, and beyond is the prison court. Men were passing and repassing there on the afternoon walk. It is a deep court.

At the end Becker suddenly appeared. He gave his visitor a quick glance, then walked forward. He was smoking a cigar and his collar was off for his exercise. At the bars he stopped and waited. Mindful of the note, his last twenty-four hours was mentioned, nothing else.

"Nothing to say," said Becker, and he smiled. "You exercise pretty constantly, don't you?"

"Nothing to say," he repeated, looking sideways. The cigar he was smoking twisted around and stood almost upright. "Did you go to church to-day?"

"Nothing to say," and a twinkle came into the eyes which held the visitor's steadily. There was a pause.

"Now look here," he continued. "I exercise like this. Don't see as if I was passing away, does it?" He straightened himself. The blue coat bulged over his chest where a pink shirt showed. Strangely there was a line in the neck and jaw, and up where the lines run to the eyebrows. Only the eyes seemed worn and tired.

"Do you read paper?" was asked. It was known that Newsboy Gallagher takes them to the cells every morning. "I do," answered Becker.

"All of them?"  
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### WOMEN ON THE TRAIL TOO.

Female Detectives Working in  
Mountain Resort Hotels.

Inspector Hughes was not seen in Tannersville yesterday. It was said that he had left Lasher's Hotel in Fleischmanns on Saturday, but it is not known where he went. There is a story at Tannersville that two women in the employ of the New York police are at work in hotels thereabout. Those who tell this story say that neither of them is Mrs. Isabella Goodwin who was made a detective for her work on the taxiab robbery.

Alfred F. Katzenstein, a lawyer of 290 Broadway at the Campbell House in Tannersville, says that a man who he is now convinced was Harry Vallon came to the hotel on the Sunday before Rosenthal was shot. The little gambler had a big roll and was anxious to play cards. The lawyer says that he played with the stranger for a while but finally grew suspicious. He was about to leave Vallon when the latter was handed to the latter. Mr. Katzenstein says the man he thinks is Vallon ran upstairs as soon as he had read the telegram, flung his things into a valise and fled to the station to catch a New York train. The lawyer says he was interested in the stranger and his sudden departure and that when he saw his picture after the shooting at the Metropolitan he recognized a card playing acquaintance immediately.

From another source comes a story of the sudden activity of Horowitz on that same Sunday before the shooting. The Horowitzes had been staying at 14 Bruce place, Far Rockaway, and according to this story Harry arrived at the house very much excited on Sunday afternoon. He left the house with a valise and started for town with much the same despatch shown by Harry Vallon in the Catskills.

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## POLICE GREET WALDO WITH WHISTLE CHORUS

Traffic Squad Quits Games to  
Welcome Commissioner  
at Outing.

The traffic policemen took a day off yesterday and voyaged to College Point, L. I., for their annual picnic and athletic games. Every man in the four squads who could possibly get away was there and took along as many of his friends as he wanted.

Commissioner Waldo, who went to the grove early in the afternoon, got a reception he will long remember. It was just about 2 o'clock when word went around that the Commissioner was arriving at the dock. The games were already in progress on field and track and there were other games at the tables under the trees, but at the word everything was dropped and the men, headed by the band, went to the dock.

As the Commissioner stepped off the ship he walked to the grove between the ranks of the men. The games were interrupted for a half hour while this reception was being held.

Mayor Gaylor was expected, but did not get there. Officialdom was otherwise engaged. The Commissioner was met by a large number of police officials, and the Commissioner was met by a large number of police officials, and the Commissioner was met by a large number of police officials.

The athletic games attracted a great deal of interest and one got the impression from the money talk that went through the crowd that there are men in the four squads who think highly of their abilities and are willing to back up their beliefs. The relay race for the Page cup and inasmuch as each squad had in previous years won a race and the cup is to be the property of the one which wins three times consecutively it was a case of start all over. The race yesterday resulted in a dead heat between the four men of Squad A and Squad C. On the loss of a coin Squad A was declared the winner.

These two squads also were the contestants in the tug of war. Squad A won out in the final tug by three inches. There were events for all classes of athletes, even those who are not athletes but who get on the track because of their generous proportions. The 100 yard dash for men weighing not less than 250 pounds was won by Nicholas Huth of Squad A. The prize was a cup offered by Jacob Ruppert, George Sheridan won the 100 yard dash for men who have been twenty years in the department. He did it in 2-5 seconds.

After the games there was a big dinner and with the eating and the speechmaking the Commissioner near jolly good humor. The Commissioner near jolly good humor. The Commissioner near jolly good humor.

### MRS. HARRIMAN UNDECIDED.

Will Consider Invitation to Head  
Auxiliary Committee.

Mrs. James Borden Harriman said at Southampton, L. I., last night that she has not yet received a letter inviting her to act as the head of an auxiliary committee in connection with the citizens' committee which has issued a call for a mass meeting at Cooper Union in the near future to discuss police conditions in this city.

"My mail has not been forwarded to me for several days," Mrs. Harriman said, "and the letter may be at my New York home. I cannot tell whether I will consent to act until I have read the letter and considered it. I want to know more about the plans before I make up my mind. I know nothing about the proposed mass meeting except what I read in the evening paper."

Mrs. Harriman will return to this city to-day.

### MRS. ROSE SHUNS VISITORS.

Wife of Arrested Gambler Has Not  
Seen Her Husband.

Mrs. Rose, the wife of the gambler arrested in the Rosenthal case, has not been to see her husband since his arrest. She has stayed with her year old baby and her other child in her cottage at 57 Remington avenue, Arverne. The cottage is one of a row of five near Jamaica Bay. It is one of the better grade homes of colonial type in a desirable neighborhood. The Roses have lived quietly and have made many friends, who have shown their sympathy for the wife. Jack Rose's brother brings the news of the developments in the case to Mrs. Rose.

### Bathers Killed by Electric Shock.

Here's correspondence London Daily News and Leader.

A strange accident has caused the death of three lads who were bathing in a pond in the neighborhood of an electric drive mill near Canton Street. The boys, who were not yet explained a strong electric current went through the water, and some one who did know some of the boys were submerged and instantly killed. The dead fish were also discovered in the pond after dark.

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## WALDO ADMITS THAT POLICE GRAFT EXISTED

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force under them, a force known as the "Central office squad" was formed for the purpose of enforcing the gambling law, and inspectors were furnished from this force the number of men requisite to aid them in this work.

No attempt is made by any members of the department to deny the existence of gambling houses. The excuse of an honest or dishonest inspector for a house that is running is that he is unable to secure the necessary evidence on which he can obtain warrants for entry to suppress the nuisance.

**Gamblers Relieved of Fear.**  
This excuse is based on the fact that while a house may be known to every one as a gambling house and that men known as common gamblers may be seen going in and out at all hours of the night and day and that the pretenses are known to be used for any purpose except gambling, the courts refuse to issue warrants unless some witness will swear that he has actually played for money in the premises. It is, therefore, apparent that in places where no one is allowed to enter except those in whom the owner of the establishment has absolute confidence they will not be better than a no man's land.

When Rosenthal reopened on March 20 it was with the cautioning approval of the police took from him and which the Municipal courts restored.

Allegations have been made that W. R. Rosenthal, secretary to the Police Commissioner, had purchased automobiles, costly furniture and that he lived extravagantly. All this is false. The furniture used by Mr. Sheehan is some that I myself used in my bachelor days and gave to him nearly a year ago.

Furthermore this official has been in a position where he has exercised no control whatsoever over any members of the department, nor has he at any time been cognizant of the work of the various officials in charge of the gambling situation.</